extent in developing the functions of the Council, then it was necessary to considerably increase the strength. Because, in discussing the many matters of public importance, varied interests would come up for consideration.

In regard to the method of recruitment, it was necessary to allow to the people the privilege of election of all the non-official members of the Council as a *right*. At present it was being given from year to year as a sort of favor from the Government. If additional members were to be appointed to the Council, that should be by the method of election.

The Member stated that, in all that he mentioned above, there was a unanimity of opinion among the Members of the Assembly and those representatives of public opinion with whom he had occasion to talk about the subject.

The next point, he said, was perhaps a matter of minor detail upon which there was some difference of opinion. It was about the method of election. Some people would have it that the Members should represent interests, while there were others who thought that classes should also be represented. Speaking for himself, the Member would adhere to the opinion expressed by him last year that class representation should not be allowed; because it was not only wrong in principle and was inexpedient in the present state of the country, but it would also tend to create class feeling.

Dewan.— Do you propose that the election should continue to be done by the Members of this Assembly or would you create an electorate apart from the Assembly ?

Member.—I should think that the Assembly is a sufficiently good electorate. It could divide itself into different electorates for the purpose, such as the Town Improvement Committees, Trading Classes, &c.

Dewan.— Do you not think that there should be some settlement on that point before we proceed further ?

Member.—That, in the first place, affects only the way in which nomination or election should be made. I think, for the present, so far as I am concerned, that a certain number of seats may be reserved for nomination for the purpose of satisfying those who want class representation. The remaining seats may be filled up by regular election.

The Member then presented a memorial signed by 66 Members of the Assembly for the current Session, pressing the need for increasing the strength and widening the scope and usefulness of the Legislative Council.

The desirability of having a Jenmi Member in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Kesavar Vasudevar (Member Jenmi, Padmanabhapuram Division) said that the Jenmies occupied the first place among those who were affected by the legislative measures passed from time to time. Owing to the absence in the Legislative Council of a Jenmi Member, the Jenmies were labouring under serious disabilities. A memorial on the subject was submitted to the Government at the last session, but there had been no redress of their grievances yet. Even the European Planters, who owned very few landed properties in the State, were allowed a Member in the Council. The necessity for allowing a representative from the real landed proprietors of the country would thus be apparent. The Member therefore prayed that hereafter at least the Travancore Jenmi Maha Sabha might be permitted to nominate a representative from the community as a Member of the Legislative Council.

The desirability of having a Mahomedan Member in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Shaik Mahomed Hamidani Thangal (Member, Nominated) said that his request was for appointing a Mahomedan Member to the Legislative Council. The progress of the community depended greatly on their religious faith, and though there

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